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(By Carl Barkow)

Occasionally during a soft, moonlighted, desert night, when flocks of fleecy clouds float lazily before the moon, colors tint the cloud edges and if a cloud of just the right depth passes directly in the path of the light rays from the moon a deep cone of color is formed. And, rarely, when there is suggestion of rain in the air but the clouds are not too heavy, a moonbow is formed. Rainbows are well known but few persons have seen a moonbow. The soft indistinct colors of the moonbow in the night-sky setting form a masterpiece worthy of our versatile artist, the desert land.

If cut mesquite wood is left lying for some time and then examined, many oval holes will be found in it. These extend into the wood and at places are plugged with a sawdust-like substance. If the wood is struck against something solid, sawdust will fall from it. A few days ago I selected two such sticks and cut them with a saw. The sticks were riddled with galleries. I poked a small straw into a gallery and finally dislodged a beetle that seemed reluctant to be forced from its domicile. It was nearly three-quarters of an inch long, tapered slightly, and was brown and gray mottled on the back. A Department of Agriculture bulletin informed me that this is the roundheaded mesquite borer beetle, one of several species that lay eggs that produce grubs that cut galleries in the mesquite wood, thus destroying much of the wood's value.

The round-headed mesquite borer, *Megacyllene antennatus*, has several distinct forms, "known as the egg, the larva, the pupa, and the adult stages, but it is only the larval or grub form that is responsible for the destruction of the wood. In all cases the larvae hatch from eggs laid by the adult beetle." The beetle I found in the mesquite stick is the adult form. "It places the eggs in crevices or under scales of the bark. From these eggs hatch tiny grubs that grow into rather large cylindrical borers, from three-quarters to one and one-half inches in length, yellowish-white in color, and with a pair of strong brownish jaws. This is the largest of the borers in recently cut wood. The damage to the wood begins after these grubs hatch and bore in through the bark and sapwood, feeding as they go. They spend from 40 to 60 days mining in the sapwood, reducing it almost to powder, and then enter and honeycomb the heartwood by excavating long oval galleries. Two months or more pass before there is any external evidence to show that the wood is seriously damaged."

"The roundheaded borer has two generations a year and two periods during which the beetles are abundant. The overwintering forms mature and the adults

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DESERT CIRCUS, 1 1/2 MILE PARADE, 25 FIELD EVENTS

Next Thursday, Feb. 20, is the day of Palm Springs' big gala event, the Desert Circus. Practically every business and organization of the community is participating to make this the most successful affair of its kind in the history of Palm Springs.

The Palm Springs Field Club grounds out on Ramon Road are ready for the big event, grand stand, box seat sections, the half-mile track, and all other appurtenant works are completed. Gogo & Rados, sewer contractors, have finished their work on Ramon Road, and the street will be repaved before circus day.

Two of Southern California's foremost bands have been engaged for the parade, the famous Tournament of Roses band of 75 pieces and the equally famous Salvation Army band of 50. There may be another band in the parade.

The parade will be a mile and a half in length, the popular Gilmore Circus taking up a half mile. The line of march will be along Palm Canyon Drive from El Mirador to Ramon Road.

A hundred and twenty-five local business establishments will have entries in the parade.

Twenty-five events, the list of which were published in the January 31st issue of The Desert Sun, are being augmented daily by new and even more thrilling and sensational events. The Circus and Field Events committee, consisting of Earl Coffman, H. E. Patterson, Travis Rogers, have prepared a program by far exceeding all previous events.

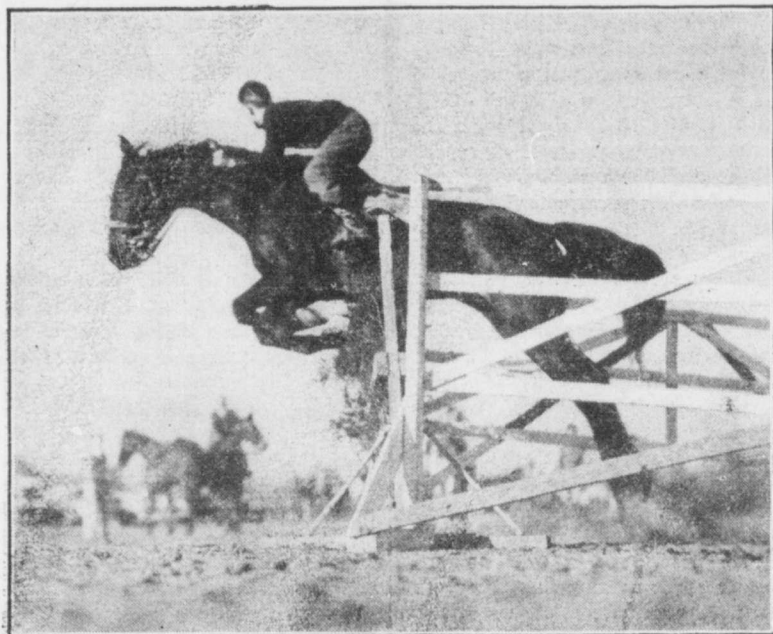
Three thousand pounds of beef have been purchased for the circus barbecue, which will be served under the direction of Chuck Abbott.

In the evening will be the grand ball on the Desert Circus grounds. Some time during the late afternoon or evening the new Chevrolet deluxe master four-door sedan will be awarded to some lucky person holding a donation ticket. Donations tickets are going fast, and anyone who wants to help in the worthy cause is urged to see a ticket seller at once.

More than half of the 1050 Desert Circus grandstand seats have been sold, according to Philip L. Boyd of

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Bob Patterson and His Jumping Horse "Buddy"



Bob is the 14-year-old son of H. E. "Pat" Patterson, proprietor of the Palm Springs Drug Co. He is one of the best of the younger riders. "Buddy" belongs to Mr. Patterson, and is a native of Palm Springs, for he was born in a stable on the property where the Carnell building now stands, on Easter morning 11 years ago. Dr. F. M. White of Palm Springs was then the owner of "Buddy" and his mother, and she later sold the horse to Mr. Patterson. "Buddy" has probably won more blue ribbons than any horse in Palm Springs, appearing at the Ambassador horse show and other big events. He was the feature attraction at the Desert Circus last year, and will participate in the jumping events again at the Desert Circus next Thursday.

AMOS AND ANDY ARRIVE SUNDAY; PLANE NOW HERE

Freeman Gosden and Charles Correll (Amos and Andy to you) will arrive from Chicago tomorrow via the Santa Fe, and will begin broadcasting their famous Pepsodent program from El Mirador tower room Monday afternoon and evening, 4 and 8 p. m. daily. They will be accompanied by their wives.

C. "Slim" Freitag, pilot for Amos, arrived at the Palm Springs airport yesterday afternoon, having flown Amos' beautiful Stinson SR6 four-passenger cabin plane out from Chicago. He left Chicago on Monday and stopped over at Tulsa, Okla., El Paso and Phoenix. Mr. Freitag stated yesterday he encountered rough weather all the way out. Later Mrs. Freitag and their two children, Virginia Mae and Ellen Faye will come here to remain with Mr. Freitag until Amos and Andy and their party return to Chicago.

Mr. Freitag had taught Wayne King, noted orchestra leader, how to fly, and as King is a close friend of Amos and Andy, Freitag was engaged to complete the flying instructions of the two popular radio comedians. Amos and Andy took flying instructions from Gus Parrish of the local airport last season, and now both have pilots' licenses.

The Stinson flown here by Freitag is a beautiful ship, with vacuum wing flaps, adjustable propeller, and all the latest furnishings. It is painted red, and the interior of the cabin is of Chinese red and bonnet blue leather upholstery.

E. L. Parkhurst, radio technician of the National Broadcasting Company, of San Francisco, arrived yesterday with an automobile load of apparatus which he will set up in El Mirador tower for the Amos and Andy nationwide broadcasts. Mr. Parkhurst will also remain here during the two-months' stay of Amos and Andy, to look after technical details of the broadcast. He is accompanied by Mrs. Parkhurst. They reported that they had driven through rain all the way from San Francisco, and like Mr. Freitag, were delighted with the Palm Springs warmth and sunshine.

While all Southern California was drenched during the past week Palm Springs received a half-inch of precipitation. On Saturday the rainfall totaled 12 hundredths, and Wednesday night, 33 hundredths of an inch, a total of 45 hundredths.

FOOTBALL RULES ARE BEING MADE AT DESERT INN

American football holds court at the Desert Inn this week-end with the football rules committee of the National Collegiate Athletic Association convening here to consider several proposed rules changes in the pigskin game, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 14, 15 and 16.

Famed football mentors and authorities will sit in conference at the Desert Inn, including: Dana X. Bible, University of Nebraska coach of the powerful Cornhusker eleven, fifth district; Claude (Tiny) Thornhill of Stanford; Herb Dana, commissioner of officials of the Pacific Coast Conference; Walter Oleson, commissioner of officials of the Eastern group of colleges; William Langford of New York, secretary of the committee; Fielding H. Yost of Michigan, fourth district; Amos Alonzo Stagg of College of the Pacific; William Bingham, director of athletics, Harvard University, first district; H. J. Stegeman of Georgia, third district; A. R. Hutchins, commissioner of officials for Southern Conference; W. G. Crowell of Philadelphia, second district; Nobel Kizer of Purdue, member coaches advisory committee; Morley Jennings, sixth district; Ray Morrison of Vanderbilt; Louis Mahoney, seventh district; A. W. Palmer, Eastern official; Joe Lipp, Chicago; Bill Hunter, eighth district.

The meeting will be held behind closed doors at the Desert Inn.

Some of the proposed rules changes are: (1) Abolition of the "slow whistle"; (2) Abolition of first down penalty for interference with a kicker; (3) Numbering of players on front and back; (4) Universal clarification of rule concerning players going down under passes; (5) Placing the goal posts back on the goal line; (6) Universal adoption of the use of the pistol to mark the end of the game; and other proposed changes.

PALM LEAF CAFE OPENS LIDO NEXT TO SWIMMING POOL

Mrs. Jennie Leonasio, owner of the Palm Leaf Cafe, has installed tables in the patio next to the swimming pool of Central Hotel Annex, where meals will be served in the open air. The Lido is in a beautiful setting, away from the noise of the street. Entrance is through the cafe or the swimming pool arcade.

PALM SPRINGS INCORPORATION REPORT MADE

Palm Springs can become an incorporated city within three months, according to a report made by Attorney Guy Pinney, to a group of civic-spirited men, who had employed him to investigate the matter. Mr. Pinney's complete report is published on the second page of this issue.

Incorporation election could be held on Monday, April 13, the day set by law for city elections of cities of the sixth class in which Palm Springs would be if the incorporation election succeeds. At the same election the voters would vote for five city councilmen, city clerk and city treasurer. The new councilmen would choose one of their number to serve as mayor.

Mr. Pinney stated that the Indian reservation can probably be included in the incorporated area, and he suggested that the three political subdivisions and their governing bodies, the police, fire and sanitary districts, be continued.

The first step in the matter of incorporation must be the securing of signatures of 25 percent of property owners, owning 25 percent of the value of the property, registered voters residing in the area to be incorporated, on a petition to be presented to the county board of supervisors.

"GEOLOGY OF SAN GORGONIO PASS" WILL BE UNIVERSITY COURSE TOPIC MONDAY NIGHT

The topic for discussion next Monday evening at the University of California extension course in Desert History, will be "The Geology of San Geronio Pass," Don Admiral, naturalist, is the instructor of the class which meets every Monday evening in the school house, under the sponsorship of the state university. The public is welcome upon payment of the regular university fee for one lesson, one lesson.

COMMUNITY RIDE NEXT WEEK SATURDAY; PUBLIC INVITED

The Community Breakfast Ride tomorrow (Saturday) morning will be to the Smoke Tree Forest.

The following Saturday, Feb. 22, Washington's birthday, will be sponsored by El Mirador, and will be to the Experiment Station.

"Public sentiment is not in favor of cutting down speeding and I believe it is unconstitutional to take the trucks off the highways on Sunday," said Don Tyler, of Highland, a reader of The Desert Sun, commenting on the "Sun Spots" of January 31. "I'm in favor of all three of your proposals, but what can we do about it?" he continued. It will be remembered that some fifteen years ago, when traffic officers used the "speed trap" method of catching speeders, the public demanded this method must end because the speeder didn't have a chance, and the white motorcycle for officers was later accepted to give the speeder a break.

We favor return of the "speed trap." The speeder is caught in a trap set by two officers in hiding, separated a measured distance. The first officer clocks the speeding car with a stop watch and jots down the license as it passes his look-out station. The second officer does likewise. The time is checked by telephone by the two officers, and if it is found that the speeder drove through the trap in less time than it could be done with lawful speed, the second officer takes up the chase and gives the offender a ticket.

Several written and oral comments have been received regarding this column's proposal, two of the letters being published in the "Open Forum" column of this issue. The suggestions made in this column during the past two years are:

1. Put mechanical speed governors on all automobiles limiting the speed to 50 miles per hour.
2. Keep all trucks off state highways from Saturday noon until 2 a. m. Monday morning.
3. Give state traffic officers standard high-speed stock cars so the speeders can't recognize them on the highway.

By some strange coincidence, the editor of the Santa Rosa Independent was thinking about the same thing when he wrote an editorial for his January 31st issue, as evidenced by a clipping received at The Desert Sun office yesterday. The Independent's editorial follows:

"The Plumas County Chamber of Commerce has drafted a set of resolutions addressed to the State Railroad Commission and other state agencies urging them to institute a thorough study of the ever-increasing number of commercial vehicles on the highways that the motorists have built through voluntary payment of the gas tax. The resolution sets forth that the truck competition is detrimental to the welfare of the state as a whole and constitutes a menace to motoring in general.

"The Independent has urged similar steps on more than one occasion. It is apparent that the time is rapidly approaching when the highways must either be designated as avenues for freight or for private automobiles. They simply cannot be half and half. The motorists have built the highways and unless they soon receive more consideration than they

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Hoopla! The Circus Is In Town

Now you hear the bands a-playing,
Now you hear the children shout,
And there's lots of colors flying
And excitement 'round about;
And everybody's feeling happy
And business is shut down
And the streets are jammed with people,
For, Hoop-la! Hoop-la! The circus is in town!

There are creatures quite impossible
Now moving down the street,
A queer and weird menagerie,
But with very human feet.
They look like some strange animals,
From a planet fallen down,
But do not scratch or prick them
While, Hoop-la! Hoop-la! The circus is in town!

There are wondrous floats a-plenty,
That are really gems of art.
Oh, do not miss a single thing
From the time the show will start,
For every moment will bring forth
Equestrian act or clown
And men and women doing stunts,
For, Hoop-la! Hoop-la! The circus is in town!

No one should fail to celebrate
Whether classed as young or old
Or to buy pink lemonade and peanuts,
Which will be cheaply sold;
And you better get up early,
For they turn things upside down
And make a mighty ballyhoo
When, Hoop-la! Hoop-la! The circus is in town!

—Robert L. Edwards.

YOO-HOO, GIRLS! HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!



One girl is sometimes more than an armful for a mere mortal man. But the giant clown figure pictured above isn't having a good time unless he has four! Despite his pictorial appeal, the giant lover's primary purpose in life is to amuse circus parade spectators. He will be one of the huge figures featured in the Gilmore section of the Desert Circus Parade next Thursday, Feb. 20.

HOW PALM SPRINGS CAN INCORPORATE AND WHAT INCORPORATION INVOLVES

Here is the report of Attorney Guy Pinney, submitted to a group of civic leaders who employed him to investigate incorporation procedure.

Resume of Incorporation Laws

Name. City of Palm Springs. It will be officially a city, and the words "The City of" are usually considered a part of the name. It will be a city of sixth class—incorporated towns or villages as such being no longer recognized.

Officers.—The government of such city shall be vested in

- (1) A City Council composed of five members.
- (2) A City Clerk.
- (3) A City Treasurer.
- (4) A Chief of Police.
- (5) A City Judge.
- (6) Such subordinate officers or employees as may be provided for.

The City Councilmen, Clerk and Treasurer are elected for four years at a general municipal election.

Such election shall be held on the second Monday in April in each even-numbered year.

Except that after the first regular election the two councilmen receiving the highest vote shall serve four years and the other three shall serve two years, so that the council becomes a continuously existing body, two members being elected at one election and three at the next.

One Election for All

The first councilmen, clerk and treasurer are voted upon at the incorporation election, and serve only until the next general election, which in the present case would be the second Monday of next April, if the incorporation election is held before that time which is not likely for the preliminary proceeding necessary before an election can be held will probably require more than three months for their accomplishment.

The officers mentioned are nominated by petition in accordance with the general election laws, with which you are already familiar.

All councilmen, the City Clerk and City Treasurer must be residents and electors and have resided in the city or proposed city for one year next preceding the date of their election.

Councilmen serve without compensation unless by special election compensation is voted for members elected thereafter.

The Clerk and Treasurer receive such pay as is fixed by ordinance, and each may appoint deputies who shall receive such pay as is provided by the council.

Police and Court

The Council shall appoint a City Attorney, a Superintendent of streets, a Civil Engineer, a Court Clerk and such other subordinate officers or employees as it may consider necessary, and shall fix their compensation from time to time by resolution or ordinance.

The City Clerk is the accounting officer of the city, keeps its records, corporate seal, etc., and is City Assessor.

The Treasurer keeps the funds of the City and is the tax and license collector.

The Council may provide by ordinance for the assessment and collection of taxes by the County under general laws, to meet the budget adopted by the Council, at a cost of about 1/4 of 1% of taxes collected.

The other officers of the city shall perform such duties as is indicated generally by their titles, their specific duties being prescribed by law and by resolutions and ordinances of the Council.

Mayor and Council

The mayor is not elected as such but is chosen by the Council. He is the presiding officer at all meetings when present, and may make and second motions, present and discuss matters, and vote, but does not have the veto power.

The Council can pass ordinances not in conflict with the Constitution and laws of the State or of the United States.

Can acquire property, real or personal, necessary or proper for municipal purposes.

Contract for water supply;

Establish and maintain parks, playgrounds, streets and alleys, sidewalks, curbs and gutters and plant and cultivate trees in parks, streets and public areas;

Construct sewers, purchase and maintain fire equipment;

Levy and collect: Poll tax, dog tax, property taxes and license fees for revenue and regulation;

Own public buildings and libraries, hospitals, bus lines, museums, gymnasiums, parks, and baths, and grant franchises for public utilities;

Assess fines, imprison law breakers

and put prisoners to work on public streets and property;

Powers of Council

Establish and maintain fire limits, and regulate building and construction and removal of buildings within the municipality;

Pass building ordinances, which may provide for the abatement, destruction or removal of unsightly or partially destroyed buildings;

Regulate the exhibition, posting or carrying of banners, placards, posters, cards, pictures, signs or advertisements in or on the street, or on or upon buildings, fences, billboards or other structures;

Remove or compel the removal of weeds and other debris from private property;

Expend not to exceed five percent of the property tax levy for music and promotion;

Apply available funds to provide employment for destitute or needy unemployed residents;

Declare what constitutes a nuisance and provide for its abatement, and do any and all other acts and things necessary or proper to carry out the provisions of the municipal corporation act.

Council Meetings

The City Council shall hold regular meetings at least once a month and special meetings may be called at any time by the mayor or three councilmen and held after three hours notice.

Ordinances, where ordinances are required can be passed only at regular or adjourned regular meetings.

Garbage disposal by cities is controlled by Act 2727 of the General Laws, which provides the procedure for granting franchises to garbage collectors but in the case of Palm Springs the Sanitary District would probably care for the garbage disposal as well as for the construction of sewers and disposal of sewage.

Zoning ordinances may be passed under the General Laws the same as by cities of other classes.

The Mattoon Act insofar as it applies to new projects has been repealed.

The maximum property tax rate, without the assent of two-thirds of the qualified electors voting at an election called for that purpose is one dollar on each one hundred dollars. This is exclusive of poll tax, dog tax, license fees and fines, and also exclusive of taxes levied for the payment of principal and interest upon bonds; and exclusive of taxes for the fire and police districts, and sanitary district.

In general the levying, collecting and the lien for taxes and the penalties and sales for delinquencies are provided for in the General Laws apply to cities of the sixth class.

Improvement Acts

Generally the special improvement acts apply to cities of the sixth class, such as:

- Act of 1885: (Vrooman Act).
- Act of 1889.
- Act of 1901.
- Act of 1903 (formation of districts).
- Act of 1911 (street improvement bonds).

Street Lighting and lighting districts acts.

There are similar Acts for Counties so the status is changed but little by incorporation.

Though the incorporated area will be within the territory included within the present Police Protection District, the City must have a police department, whether or not the Police Protection District is dissolved, for the office of Chief of Police is part of the city government, and is a necessary official for the enforcement of city ordinances and orders of the City Council.

Police Powers

In this connection it may be stated that the city council can pass ordinances defining misdemeanors and prescribing penalties, probably not included in county ordinances or state laws, and such ordinances and the general laws of the state and county as well, can probably be more efficiently enforced by the city police department than by the officers of the Police Protection District or than by the Sheriff's office of the County.

It seems that there is also a like necessity for a city court, for it is provided that a city judge is part of the government of the city. The jurisdiction of such city court and the practice and proceedings therein shall be the same as is provided for in justice's courts generally except in justice's courts of Class A, such as Glendale and larger cities elsewhere.

There is also a provision for the commission form of government and also for a city manager type, but I am informed that such methods of gov-

ernment are more expensive than that of the city council type and probably too costly for cities of the sixth class; though if any sixth class city within the state can afford such a method or methods of government, surely Palm Springs can, if the added efficiency, if any, justifies the supposed added expense.

Indian Reservation Lands

The Municipal Corporation Bill specifies that the boundaries fixed by the Board of Supervisors shall be the corporate limits of the city until changed by annexation or withdrawal of territory, and the provision for excepting parcels of land within such limits was not included in the Amendment of 1933 so it would seem that the exterior boundaries of a proposed city could include as much territory, subdivided or unsubdivided, as would not preclude the obtaining of the requisite number of signatures to the petition for incorporation, and therefore sections Twenty-three and Twenty-seven and the intervening and adjacent sections of Indian Reservation lands which might be included within the proposed boundaries. Whether the reservation lands would have to be excluded because of their peculiar legal status with respect to the jurisdiction and administration of local and state laws is doubtful.

The description of the exterior boundaries so as to include the patented lands and exclude the reservation lands would raise some legal questions which have not yet been adequately answered by the appellate courts of this state.

The only requirement for original incorporation with respect to the territory to be included is that the boundaries shall be contiguous. Ordinarily this would result in the included area being in one body. Whether two parcels of land in different sections which merely touch at corners may be considered to be in one body is problematical.

Contiguous Territory

The laws governing the annexation of territory to an already existing city require that the territory proposed to be annexed shall be contiguous to the city, and there is a conflict in the opinions of the courts as to what constitutes contiguity, some courts holding that mere touching at corners makes the parcels contiguous while others require that there must be a common boundary line for some appreciable distance. There has been no definite decision by the appellate courts of this state, though the Superior Court of Riverside County has recently held that parcels which merely touch at corners are not contiguous, and I am of the opinion that the district attorney of the county would advise the Board of Supervisors that the territory in one diagonal section could not be annexed to a city in an adjoining diagonal section.

So if Sections Twenty-three and Twenty-seven cannot be included in the original incorporation it is probably more likely that they cannot be annexed later so long as the situation created by the reservation lands remains as it is at present.

However, there is a more determining factor, which is the impossibility of laying out streets and roads concerning different sections of the city separated except at the corners, by the reservation lands, and it is my opinion that until there is a grant in fee or at least a sufficient right of way or perpetual easement for a road or street across the reservation lands with underground rights for sewers, etc., or until the reservation lands are allotted or become private lands so that such rights may be acquired by the city, section twenty-three and twenty-seven or any other diagonal section of land cannot be included with the territory in section fifteen either in the original incorporation or by annexation, and especially not by annexation and I believe the Attorney General and the District Attorney of Riverside county are of the same opinion.

Therefore, I believe that it will be possible or at least practicable at present to incorporate only those portions of the community lying within sections three and eleven and the east halves of sections ten and fifteen, and possibly sections fourteen and twenty-two of the Indian reservation lands.

Fire, Police and Sanitary Districts
These districts were organized under acts of the legislature separate from the Municipal Corporation Act and separate from each other; the Fire District under Act 6015 and the Sanitary District under Act 7105, Deering's General Laws of California.

The Fire District includes the east half of Section ten the whole of section eleven, the east half of section fifteen and the whole of section twen-

ty-three; thus there is one area, that within the boundaries of section twenty-three, which though being in the Fire District probably will not be able to be included at present within the corporate limits of the city.

Act 2593 itself provides a method for dissolution of a district formed thereunder, by petition to the Board of Supervisors of the county and an election by the residents of the district. Upon such dissolution the property of the district shall remain the property of the county and may be used together with any money remaining in the fund of the district, for general fire protection purposes throughout the county.

Apparently, it would not be desirable to dissolve the Fire District under this provision whereby the equipment and funds, and the fire house now being erected would become the property of the county. The building, of course, could not be removed, but its maintenance and management, apparently, would be by the county thereafter; likewise the use, maintenance, repair and replacement of the equipment, or its removal from the district, would be within the discretion of the Board of Supervisors. The transfer of funds would be of little moment for there would be few on hand at the time of dissolution after paying for the building now being erected and paying the current expenses of the district.

Fire District

Where the territory comprising a fire district is wholly within the corporate limits of a subsequently incorporated city it is provided by Act 2611 that the district may be dissolved and the property of the district shall become the property of the city.

It is also provided by Act 2611 that if only part of the district is within the city such portion may be separated from the district and the remainder of the district in the discretion of the Board of Supervisors may be continued or dissolved, but the act is silent concerning the disposition of the property of the district in such separation.

Neither the provisions of Act 2593 nor of Act 2611 make it obligatory that the district be dissolved or divided and I know of no legal reason why the district cannot be continued as already organized this continuing protection to Section 23 if it is not possible to include that section within the corporate limits.

The administration of the fire district by the present commissioners and their successors need not conflict with the administration of the city, and the city can greatly aid the district by the adoption of fire limit and building ordinances reducing the fire hazard, which the district is not so able to adopt or enforce.

Police District

I have not found any provision for the dissolution of the Police Protection District nor for the division of its territory. The act under which it is organized makes no such provision and I know of no other act covering the subject.

The board of police commissioners

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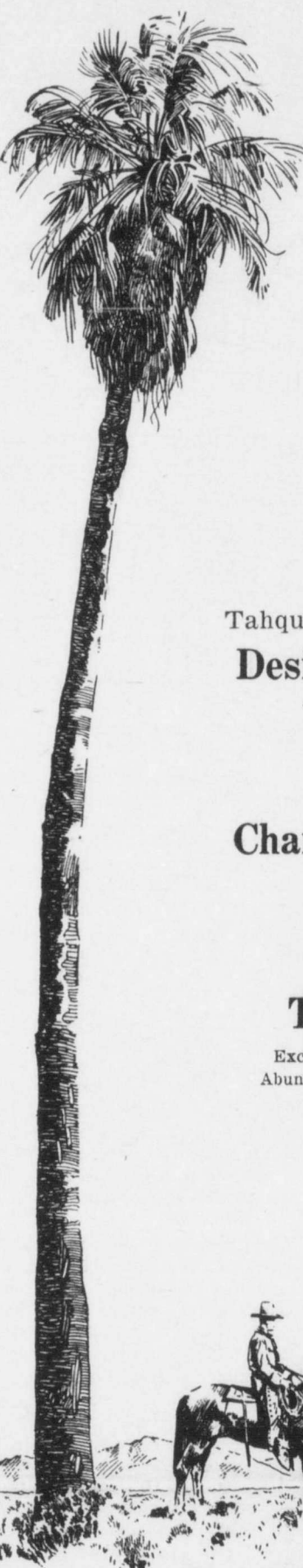
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are permitted to dispose of land and buildings used for police purposes but when acquired pursuant to a vote of the electors of the district as the land for the station now being erected was acquired and the erection of the building authorized, they are required to purchase other lands and improvements for similar purposes with the proceeds of the sale.

As hereinbefore mentioned I am of the opinion it would be necessary for the city to have a chief of police as part of the city government and of course it could have as large a police force as might be necessary for the enforcement of the city ordinances and the state and county laws within the city. Such a police department would be much more effective than that of the police protection district, but of course it would not operate outside of the city limits except in emergencies when acting as peace officers of the state or county.

I can think of no reason why the police department of the city could not use the police station of the district for its headquarters, nor why the officers of the district and of the city could not operate in conjunction within the city permitting the officers of the district perhaps to spend a larger portion of their time policing the territory within sections twenty-three and twenty-seven, if it is not possible to include no greater than if there were only one department for the membership of the two departments combined need be no larger than a single department.

Sanitary District

The Sanitary District may be dissolved upon an election called for that purpose, in which event the property within the city limits vests absolutely in the city, and that lying without the city limits vests in the Board of Supervisors of the county, though the existence of the district is continued with the board of supervisors acting as the sanitary board of the district for the levying of taxes for the maintenance of the sewer system and for the payment of bonds of the district.

Some communities find it to be quite convenient to continue the existence of a sanitary district without altering the boundaries or changing the administration and the act under which the Palm Springs district is organized provides for a dual administration by permitting the city and sanitary board of the district to enter into agreements for the joint use of a sewer system.

The other sanitary affairs of the city and district can be jointly or severally administered satisfactorily.

It would be my recommendation therefore that the existence of the fire, police and sanitary districts be continued.

Taxes

As stated the maximum property tax rate, without the assent of the qualified electors voting at an election called for that purpose is one dollar on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation. This is exclusive of poll tax, dog tax, license fees and fines and also exclusive of taxes levied for the payment of principal and interest upon bonds; and exclusive of taxes for the police, fire and sanitary districts.

Practically, there will be but a small increase in the tax rate over the present levy for the community already pays taxes for its fire, police and sanitary districts and these need not be relieved by the city, and I am informed that in most cities fines and police officers' special fees usually are sufficient to pay the costs of the city court and legal department, and it is not likely that poll taxes nor dog taxes will be levied though license fees for reasonable occupations may be desirable.

Proceedings for Incorporation

Section 2 of the Municipal Corporation Bill, as amended in 1933, requires the signing and presentation to the Board of Supervisors of the county of a petition by at least twenty-five percent of the holders of title or evidence of title to lands situate within the limits of a proposed corporation which includes both subdivided and/or densely populated areas and farming and/or industrial areas representing twenty-five percent of the value of the land included in said limits, as the value thereof is shown on the last equalized assessment roll of such county.

This has been interpreted by the Attorney General to mean that at least twenty-five percent of the holders of title or evidence of title of all of the lands within the proposed area must sign the petition and such owners so signing must represent the holders of title or evidence of title of at least twenty-five percent of the assessed value of lands within the proposed area.

The petition shall describe the proposed boundaries, state the number of inhabitants therein, and shall have at-

tached to it the affidavit of three property owners that the signatures are genuine.

Such petition shall be presented at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors. The clerk of the board must check the number of signatures and the boundaries and if found correct the petition is filed when the petitioners within fifteen days shall have deposited the costs of publication of the petition and notice of election.

Hearing Before Supervisors

At the next regular meeting of the board a time for hearing the petition shall be fixed and the petition shall be published for two weeks before the hearing.

When the petition comes on for hearing the board may adjourn the hearing from time to time, not exceeding two months.

At the final hearing the board may make such changes in the boundaries as it may find proper, but shall not include any new territory and shall ascertain and determine how many inhabitants reside within such boundaries.

Thereupon the board shall give notice of an election for determining the question of incorporation, and shall provide for election of such officers as shall be required for such city.

The notice of election shall describe the boundaries, state the name of the proposed city, the number of inhabitants therein, and the date of election, and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published within such boundaries or posted in four public places therein, for at least two weeks.

Three Months Required

The ballots shall be marked "For Incorporation" and "Against Incorporation" and shall contain the names of the persons voted for to fill the municipal offices.

It will be seen that the time required for the completion of the proceedings is approximately three months, estimated as follows:

Fifteen days for circulating and filing petition;

Five days for checking by clerk;

Fifteen days for publishing petition and notice of hearing;

Thirty days or more for proceedings before the board of supervisors and fifteen days for notice of election.

Only qualified electors of the county enrolled upon the great register thereof who shall have resided within the limits of the proposed city at least thirty days next preceding the election shall be entitled to vote upon the question of incorporation or for officers of the city.

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It refers to a magical pattern of living which local theatre-goers will have an opportunity to learn when they see "Magnificent Obsession," Universal's John M. Stahl production which will be shown at the Palm Springs Theatre Thursday and Friday, February 20 and 21, with Irene Dunne and Robert Taylor in the starring roles.

At the same time they will see what is regarded as a powerfully emotional film drama, the crowning effort of a master screen director. A stirring motion picture, it promises to become one of the screen's most important contributions for 1936.

Primarily, the story deals with the romance of Miss Dunne, portraying a beautiful young bride, and Taylor, delineating a wastrel scion of a wealthy family.

The climax of the story comes six years later, in a series of events filled with heart-rending tenderness, culminating a sweetly poignant love drama such as rarely reaches the screen.

The large cast supporting Miss Dunne and Taylor in "Magnificent Obsession" includes Charles Butterworth, Betty Furness, Sara Haden, Ralph Morgan, Henry Armetta, Gilbert Emery and Arthur Treacher.

TAHQUITZ VISTA GUESTS

Guests who are spending vacations of considerable duration at the popular Tahquitz Vista Apartments include: Mrs. E. E. Cerf and son and daughter, Flushing, New York; Mrs. Jacob Panidus, Los Angeles, accompanied by her daughter and little granddaughter; Mrs. M. S. Alexander and two kiddies of Seattle, Wash.; Mr. William Rosenfield, Robert Strauss, and Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer B. Harris, all of Chicago; Mrs. Walter Laib and two children, Janet and Dean, Detroit, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Albertson and Miss Jane Mullen, Hollywood; Dixwell Pierce and family, of Sacramento; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Kahn and Mrs. Henrietta Goldstein of Chicago; and the Misses Evelyn and Ida Hellman of Los Angeles.

Week-end guests included Mrs. Jos. Helper, Hollywood, and her niece, Miss Irma Lee Cohn of San Francisco, who spent a few days with Mr. Helper; Miss Carolyn Newell, Rose Shaw and Mr. and Mrs. Edw. W. Auslander, all of Hollywood; Mr. and

Mrs. A. Fleishman, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fewel, H. F. Moffatt and party, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swartz, and Mr. and Mrs. Milt D. Harris, all of Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Rutan of Santa Ana; and Mr. and Mrs. M. Neal Brashear of Inglewood.

Mrs. E. M. Rothman returned to Tahquitz Vista this week from Chicago where she went just last week to deliver her little grandson, Philip, to his father. She delivered little Philip and took the next train back to sunny Palm Springs.

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Of interest to all Southern Californians, most of whom are desert-minded, is the announcement that the state highway from Whitewater to Morongo Valley is to be surfaced with oil-mix. This work completed there will be a good road as far as 29 Palms.

Harry A. Hopkins, chairman of the California highway commission, states that instructions have been issued to E. Q. Sullivan, district engineer, for oiling the road just as early as weather conditions will permit. This is expected sometime during March.

This action followed efforts which were supported by a petition received by the organization from interested citizens in the vicinity of Twenty-Nine Palms, Morongo Valley and Banning Chamber of Commerce urging the improvement.

The long-needed surfacing will extend over the 11 miles from the inland route, U. S. Highway 99, near Whitewater to the northern boundary of Riverside county at Morongo valley.

The balance of the road from Morongo to Twenty-Nine Palms community, resort center of the proposed Joshua Tree National monument, is under San Bernardino county jurisdiction.

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Thoughts on Things

Harvey Johnson

Redlands has added an appendix to the federal alphabet. It is known as the WOPR, and deals with the hobo fraternity. Reduced to English it means Work On Rock Pile.

In New York a life-restoring needle is restoring dead hearts. Try it on California taxpayers.

With sub-zero weather all over the East the ice-man is taking a long-needed rest.

The exodus of idle men—freight train passengers and thumbers—continues from California. It is difficult to draw the line between hoboes and worthy men; but one thing is certain—California taxpayers cannot afford to continue to carry the indigent or indignant load. If the burden continues to mount the taxpayer will be minus a meal ticket himself.

Mrs. Huey Long has taken her seat as U. S. Senator or senator or senatress. Hooley!



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Last week's prediction in this paper said "Guess rain will come about Sunday to spoil some picnics and joy rides." Well, it held off in order to permit thousands of wild-eyed motorists to get a squint at the almond blossoms; also so they could burn up gas on the desert roads and feast on hot-dog banquets, etc., etc. Like the slow train through Arkansas the rain came along 48 hours late, but when it got here it stopped for a visit and spilled blessings all over the landscape.

Strange as it may seem, this locality will experience a lot of rain in February, March and April. After April 20 the writer will be willing to farm out his umbrella for the summer.

Cheerio! It's going to be a great year, in spite of politics and wood-ticks. As the watch ticks go by we shall get more showers and politics.

DESERT SUN BEAMS

Mr. and Mrs. Bramley of Albany, N. Y., arrived Sunday, having made the trip by steamer through the Panama Canal. They are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Van Burk at El Mirasol. Mr. Bramley is an aviation enthusiast and enjoyed a flight at the airport yesterday. He owns and pilots a Stinson plane.

An invitational horseshoe tournament, sponsored by the Riverside county Recreational Department, will be held in Indio, April 4 and 5. Men singles, men doubles, women singles, women doubles, and mixed doubles constitute the schedule of events. The winners of the various events will be awarded attractive medals. A nominal fee will be charged for each event.



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ASSOCIATES DRIVE NETS \$5500; \$2500 MORE NEEDED

The membership drive of the Palm Springs Associates has netted \$5500 to date, but \$2500 more is needed to reach the goal of \$8,000, according to L. W. Hayes, who is conducting the drive for the organization.

The Associates have mapped out an excellent advertising program, including foremost magazines and daily newspapers. Through co-operation with the All-Year Club of Southern California, the Associates are getting excellent advertising advantages at a minimum cost.

It is the function of this organization to bring people to Palm Springs, specializing exclusively in advertising, whereas the Chamber of Commerce looks after community affairs, thus taking care of visitors after they arrive. The Junior Chamber of Commerce takes care of the recreational demands. Thus each civic organization serves a very definite purpose and none interferes with the functions of the other, there being no duplication of efforts.

DR. LACHMAN INSTALLS NEW STRETCHER, OTHER DEVICES

Dr. M. L. Lachman, D. C., N. D., has recently installed the latest type of adjustable stretching table, now considered almost indispensable in modern chiropractic. The table, which is operated by an electric motor, is used to relieve pain and to make painless adjustments in all parts of the body. Dr. Lachman has operated similar equipment for the past 17 years, but the new table compares with the old type "as a Cadillac compares with a Model T Flivver," he said yesterday.

A new ultra short wave diathermy machine also arrived this week. The new apparatus transmits electric energy of two million cycles, as compared to the ordinary 50 or 60-cycle current as it comes from the electric lines. The only sensation from the apparatus is a pleasant warmth.

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Around Town

Jack Hearst, Jr., taking a fling at the pins at the bowling alley... Joe Penner and Mrs. Penner, indulging in a game of badminton... Sir Guy Standing, toasting a ball for an ambitious wirehair terrier... Clare Bunch, president of Lambert Aircraft, manufacturers of the famous Monocoupe, landing at the airport, from St. Louis... Karen Morley, Arline Judge, June Travis, Frederic March, Charles Butterworth, Ralph Bellamy, Paul Lukas and their wives and a few more notables, at the Racquet Club... Dr. Xavier Mayr of Vienna, at the Winter Garden... an interesting chat with Harry Grabner, White Sox vice-prexy and secretary, who gave us a new slant on big league baseball efficiency and high salaries.

AT THE THEATRES

PALM SPRINGS THEATRE

The Palm Springs Theatre announces a brilliant array of talent in its productions on the screen for the coming week.

On Sunday and Monday, Feb. 16 and 17, "Ceiling Zero," is the play, starring James Cagney, June Travis and Pat O'Brien; also Stuart Erwin, Isabel Jewell and Barton McLane.

Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 18 and 19, Palm Springs Theatre presents "Broadway Hostess," a play that draws large audiences wherever it is shown. Allen Jenkins, Phil Regan and Mary Wilson have stellar roles.

An added attraction on Feb. 18 and 19 will be the Pete Smith subject which everybody has been awaiting. It is titled "Audioscopes" and it's a laugh riot. You'll want to see it.

On Thursday and Friday, Feb. 20 and 21 comes "Magnificent Obsession," starring Irene Dunne, Robert Taylor, and Charles Butterworth. "Magnificent Obsession" is a wonderful production, which, once seen, is not easy to forget. It holds intense interest. Pathos is there, but there is a weaving of humor into the play.

Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 22 and 23, there will be presented "Ah, Wilderness," another remarkable production. Roles are taken by Eric Linden, Cecilia Parker, Mickey Rooney, Frank Albertson and others. Leading in the cast are those three favorites, Wallace Beery, Aline MacMahon and Lionel Barrymore.

EL PASO THEATRE

On Feb. 16, 17 and 18 El Paso Theatre presents "Paddy O'Day," with Jane Withers, Pinky Tomlin and Rita Consino. Comedies are "The Brain Busters," and "Fisherman's Life."

On Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 19 and 20, El Paso Theatre's attraction will be "Music is Magic," starring Alice Faye, Ray Walker and Bebe Daniels.

On Friday and Saturday, Feb. 21 and 22, James Dunn, Arline Judge and Raymond Walburn will be seen at the El Paso Theatre in "Welcome Home."

El Paso attractions for the week are popular productions. Each one is a lucky strike for theatre-goers.

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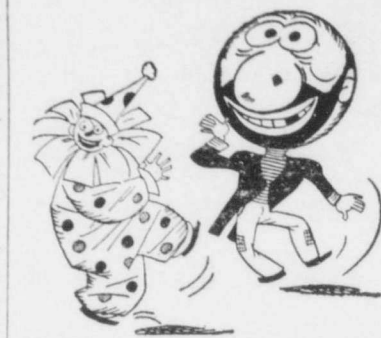
PALM SPRINGS HOTEL

Visiting Fred Meyers at the Palm Springs Hotel this week were his daughter, Miss Delphine Meyers, Miss Marian Katz, and Joey Ray of Beverly Hills. Others staying at the Palm Springs Hotel were Mrs. M. C. Mueller and Mrs. A. V. Connors of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Rosenfield of New York; Miss Mary Linsman and Peaches Jackson of Hollywood; Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Lindeman, Los Angeles; Mrs. Helen Brown and Miss Betty Brown, Los Angeles; Mrs. J. A. Scott and Mrs. A. O. Hartt, Dr. E. Simmons and Dr. Albert Sykes, Oakland; Mrs. Carrie Browning, Mrs. M. R. Fleischman and Mrs. D. C. Cleve, San Francisco; Paul T. Frankl, Marc Van Ness, of Los Angeles; Gertrude Haase, Long Beach; Mrs. Henry Gottman, Mrs. Edward Fresch and Edward Fresch, Jr., of Hollywood; Laurence Sperber, West Los Angeles; Mrs. W. H. Daniels and Patricia Daniels of Culver City; Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Smiley, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Simmonds of Pasadena; Mr. and Mrs. M. Davidson and Wm. Davidson, and Miss Pauline Cooper of Stockton; and Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Woodard of Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kirkham, and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McClean of Los Angeles;

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hansen returned to Palm Springs for another visit this week. Mr. Hansen said he just had to come back to show the folks the handsome bag he won in the Palm Springs Invitational Golf tournament this year and to enjoy another game of golf on the Desert Golf Course. While here, Mr. and Mrs. Hansen

were staying at the Palm Springs Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Penner were hosts to a group of friends for a paprika chicken dinner recently at the Palm Springs Hotel Cocktail Lounge.



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AIRPLANE MANUFACTURER ARRIVES AT LOCAL AIRPORT

Clare W. Bunch, president and general manager of Lambert Aircraft Corporation, manufacturers of the famous Monocoupe, arrived here yesterday from St. Louis, flying a Monocoupe. He stated his factory is building a new plane for Peter Brooks, popular Palm Springs winter resident.

Don Admiral, local naturalist and lecturer, was the speaker at the meeting of the Banning Kiwanis club this noon. His subject was, "The Desert of the Palms," and he showed many interesting slides of the local desert. Some time ago the Kiwanis Club endorsed his proposal to change the name of the desert to "The Desert of the Palms."

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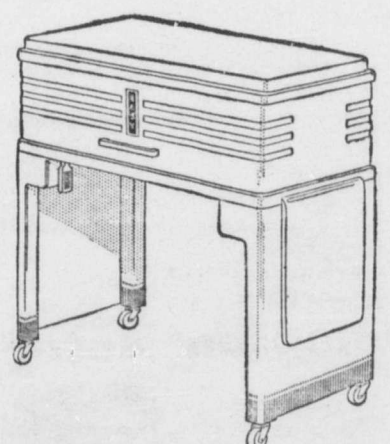
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Wanted on felony complaints in three Southern California counties, Rex Wilson, 17, of 622 La Mirada street and Olan Eakin, 17, of 644 Genesee street, Hollywood, were lodged in cells at the Riverside county jail Wednesday as the sequel to an automobile accident in which they were implicated near Palm Springs Tuesday afternoon.

The collision, which occurred at 12:30 p. m. on the Palm Springs-Indio highway between the automobile the youth were driving east, and one piloted by Paul M. Locke of Highgrove, who was returning home from a desert trip, resulted in painful injury to Mr. Locke and much damage to both vehicles.

The youths, climbing from the wreckage of the sedan which was found to have been stolen at Santa Barbara last Sunday from Mrs. Robert De Forest of that city, are alleged to have failed to offer any aid to Mr. Locke. Instead, they ran for the desert hills in a desperate effort to escape.

While other motorists assisted Mr. Locke, bringing him to Palm Springs for surgical treatment, Investigator Joe Plank of the California Highway Patrol chanced to arrive at the scene. He pursued the boys and overtook them as they were making their way into the barren foothills of the Santa Rosa mountain range. They surrendered without resistance and were brought to Palm Springs by their captor, who turned them over to Chief of Police William Seaton. Investigator Plank is attached to the 17th district office, California Highway Patrol, comprising both Riverside and San Bernardino counties, under Inspector Lyle Sanard.

Chief of Police Seaton transferred the prisoners to Banning where San Geronio township offices are maintained, and later took them to Riverside to the county jail.

Investigation revealed that they are wanted in Los Angeles county for escape from a juvenile prison camp,

where they were sentenced Jan. 30 on conviction of stealing an automobile. A grand theft charge has been placed against the pair in Santa Barbara, as a result of their possession of the car which they wrecked on the desert highway. In Riverside county it is anticipated they will be charged with failure to stop and render aid following an automobile accident.

Mr. Locke returned to his Highgrove home Tuesday night, continuing his homeward journey by bus.

The two boys had been sentenced in the juvenile court in Los Angeles on January 30, but were out on probation. They were under orders to report to the court last Tuesday, but instead they stole a car and attempted to escape. When questioned by Chief of Police William Seaton, they stated they had stolen a number of cars, but could not remember how many.

INTERESTING EVENTS; EL MIRADOR GUESTS

Outdoor picnic luncheons and scenic drives are each week enjoyed by guests vacationing at El Mirador, and each Thursday a barn dance is held at Rogers' stables, and on Saturday the regular dinner-dance adds to the week-end entertainment.

This week a special Valentine dinner dance is planned, with decorations and table favors carrying out the Valentine motif, while on Saturday, February 22nd, Washington's birthday will be celebrated with gala dinner dance.

Monday evening, February 16, the film "Flying the Lindbergh Trail" will be shown in the El Mirador game room through the courtesy of the Pan American Airways.

Recent arrivals at El Mirador are Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Davis of Lakewood, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Baker of Salem, Oregon; Mrs. Nettie Dudley and Harry H. Dudley, Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. Hans Koebig, Ralph Farnum, Arnold Kunody, Howard McIlvain, Hobart A. H. Cook, Mrs. I. F. Norton and Miss Mona Norton, all of Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Pauley of San Marino, and Miss Edna Pidgeon of Beverly Hills.

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PALM SPRINGS PLAZA UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Three units of the Palm Springs Plaza project have been, or are about to be, leased by local business men. It is reported that Earl Strebe, manager of the Palm Springs and El Paseo theatres, will lease the new Plaza theatre, and that H. E. "Pat" Patterson has leased the drug store that will adjoin the theatre. Joe Omlin, manager of the Desert Inn Garage, H. D. McNeer, in charge of the mechanical department of El Mirador Garage, and P. B. Churchman of Indio have leased the garage and service station of the Plaza project. Construction on all three structures will begin immediately and will be completed early this summer. The entire Plaza project will be finished by September 1st.

W. O. Warner, supervising contractor, has a large crew of men at work transplanting trees to make room for the 140-foot wide plaza and 24 shops, and three major buildings. Sewer, water, gas and electric lines are also being laid throughout the entire new village before construction begins on the buildings. About 100 men will be employed continuously until the half million dollar project is completed September 1st.

The theatre will face Palm Canyon Drive adjoining Willard's Studio. The drug store will occupy the front part of the theatre building.

The garage will be one of the most complete in the county, having two floors above the ground and a basement beneath the entire structure. On the main floor will be the mechanical department and storage room for 50 cars; the basement will have storage capacity for 64 cars, and the upper floor will have 18 rooms for chauffeurs and a club room. The service station will be on Indian avenue in front of the garage, at the corner of Indian avenue and Arenas road.

Men employed by William Seaton, excavation and grading contractor, will start work at once with tractors and graders excavating for the garage basement.

The huge food market, 45x145 feet in size, will be on the southeast corner of the Plaza and Indian Avenue.

The 24 shops will front on the Plaza, Palm Canyon Drive and Indian Avenue. In the rear of these shops will be 12 double bungalows (24 apartments) for lessees of the shops or others employed on the premises.

At the corner of Palm Canyon Drive and the Plaza will be the professional building, with office suites for lawyers, doctors and dentists on the upper floor of this building.

A restaurant, a large department store and a storage warehouse are other units that will be constructed on the property.

The Plaza will be completed within three weeks, after which the leasing office for Robert Ransom, manager of the project, will be built. Next in line of construction will be the theatre, garage and market.

The Plaza, extending from Palm Canyon Drive to Indian Avenue, will be 140 feet wide, and landscaped in



TWO PIONEERS OF PALM SPRINGS

Mrs. Nellie N. Coffman, pioneer hotel owner and founder of the Desert Inn, and Albert Patencio, former chief of the local Indian reservation, on a float depicting pioneer days of Palm Springs, in the first Desert Circus Parade two years ago. The Desert Inn won first prize for the best entry the past two years, and it is rumored the Inn's section of the parade will surpass their previous efforts.

the center of the street. The shops will all be arcaded, the Mediterranean type of architecture being followed throughout the entire project.

Shenck & Williams of Dayton, Ohio, designers of the Carnell building, are the architects in charge of the Plaza project. Mr. Williams is here now in charge of the work and has his office on the property. The Economy Blue Print Company has also a plant on the property in order to facilitate matters.

Mrs. Julia S. Carnell, of Dayton Ohio, principal owner of the National Cash Register Company, is the owner of the Plaza project. Last fall she purchased the Community Church property, paying \$10,000 for the 100-foot frontage where the Carnell building now stands.

The property upon which the Plaza project is under construction was purchased from Dr. F. M. White. It has a frontage of 400 feet on Palm Canyon Drive and 504 feet on Indian Avenue.

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Limousines of Tanner Motor Livery from Palm Springs have been busy during the past two weeks transporting Western Air Lines passengers between the Indio airport and Los Angeles, due to bad weather conditions in San Geronio Pass and "low ceiling" over the Los Angeles airports. Limousines have been meeting the planes at the airport to receive west-bound passengers, and eastbound passengers were brought from Los Angeles by the same method and taken to the Indio field. Thus less than two hours additional time was required for transportation than if the planes could have landed and taken off from the Los Angeles airports.

New Classes in Interior Decoration

Beginning Monday, Feb. 17, new classes in interior decoration and art appreciation will be offered through the extension department of the University of California by Miss Edith Hynes, consultant in interior decoration. The classes will be held at the Palm Springs school building. From 3:30 p. m. to 5:30 p. m. there will be a class in house furnishing and from 7:30 p. m. to 9:30 p. m. the costume class.

Miss Hynes has just closed a course in interior decoration and art appreciation in Palm Springs which those who attended found fascinating and highly instructive and practical.

The importance of the correct blending of colors to produce a pleasing and harmonious unit is becoming more and more appreciated by property owners as a means of enhancing the value of the property. A charming example of Miss Hynes' work is the recently completed McManus house in the southwest part of Palm Springs, now open for inspection, for which Miss Hynes selected both the outside and inside color schemes.

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TWO-EYED CAMERA IS USED TO FILM SCREEN NOVELTY

What causes objects to appear as if they are actually coming out of the screen?

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So the noted commentator gives the answer.

"Present day pictures show only two dimensions," declares Smith, "these being height and width.

"By bringing a third dimension into our picture we were able to complete the cycle and show depth.

"In filming the average picture, a camera with only one 'eye' or lens is used. To shoot this new dimension we used a 'two-eyed' camera, which added the quality of depth.

"This causes the objects to appear as if they were on the stage instead of the screen and allows objects that are being thrown or moved toward the audience to take their true course," concludes the narrator who has become known to theatre-goers as the "unseen movie star" because of his famous voice.

This new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer novelty, produced by J. F. Leventhal and J. A. Norling, is said by critics to be the most unusual short subject of the season.

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All right, then get out here and see this sweet little business which is a pleasure to run, which caters to the best class of trade (the local residents of Palm Springs plus the natural overflow tourist trade who drive out here for the lovely ride and just to be going somewhere). I'm NOT a good cafe man, so am glad I'm suddenly called to take back my old job in Beverly Hills; otherwise it would not be for sale at twice the price, as this price is just what it has cost me and couldn't be rebuilt under \$10,000.00.

P. S.—You do NOT have to be EXPERIENCED in the cafe business (I'm NOT), because the help does all the work, and run it very efficiently. (Though it's easy to learn.) Fact is, this business runs itself. Furthermore, it will pay for itself entirely in three years or even less, and you'll own a \$10,000 property, without one cent out of your pocket.

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Riverside, Calif., Feb. 10, 1936.
Mr. Carl Barkow, Editor,
Desert Sun.

Dear Mr. Barkow: All congratulations for your wonderful letter published in The Desert Sun under date of January 31, in your "Sun Spots" column.

You have set forth the facts and I am more than glad to see the question placed before your readers as I feel that in the matter of time the people will really have something to say about the use of the highways, which they have purchased but failed to obtain possession of them.

Yours truly,

G. T. BROWN,
District Freight and Passenger
Agent, Southern Pacific Rail-
way.

Dear Friend, Mr. Barkow: I have been very much impressed with the wisdom of your discussion of traffic perils and, at the same time, with the indifference and inaction of the public regarding this essentially vital matter.

I believe that we are too accustomed to expect those elected to represent us to look after the interests we desire protected and expect them to be mind readers, for, I believe, we simply turn them loose and anyone familiar with the history of legislative bodies knows how our earnest representatives are worn down by the adroit maneuvers of lobbies and the very mass of the bodies in which they sit.

I believe it was expected that a law would be passed at the last session at Sacramento, providing for the exclusion of trucks from the highways from Saturday noon to Monday 1 a. m., but the bill was lost in the shuffle, although the general public undoubtedly favors such a restriction.

I only hope that your campaign along this line may reach a wider circle and that it may stir up such pressure on our legislators that this necessary regulation of traffic in the interest of security may become enforced law.

Sincerely yours,
ROBERT L. EDWARDS

Mr. Carl Barkow:

Dear Mr. Editor: I have noted with approval that you give space to criticism and suggestions regarding your unique desert village. (I am glad that the name of "Colorado" for this Southern California attraction is being changed to "The Desert of the Palms.")

Allow me to express my disappoint-

ment at finding no park here.

I have been told that there is a "Murray Memorial Park," but that seems to be a miniature park for such a resort town, where such multitudes come for a day or a week-end.

This desert area must have been very cheap a few years back, but now it seems to be held too precious for the purpose mentioned.

I believe it will prove progressively more difficult, as the years go on, to obtain land for a park, where the characteristic desert flora may be preserved.

Please convey the suggestion to the wealthy members of your colony and to such organizations as may exist for the furtherance of the community's best interests.

Respectfully,

JOHN R. CHILTONS.

Mr. Carl Barkow,
Editor, The Desert Sun.

Dear Sir: You no doubt have noticed how the Supreme Court delays rendering a decision on the validity of the T. V. A.

This is one Federal law the high court will hardly dare declare unconstitutional. For if they do it will automatically invalidate all other Federal enterprises all over America—which the government has financed.

Take, for instance, the Boulder Dam project—which is built with government money—and from which the government has contracted to sell both water and electric energy to several states. Southern California being the largest purchasers and the city of Los Angeles the main buyer of them all, with an enormous amount of electric power for direct use of the citizens of Los Angeles city, in direct competition to private electric corporations.

So if the T. V. A. is held unconstitutional because it furnishes electricity in competition to private electric corporations; the grounds on which it was taken to the Supreme Court—the same decision would be sure to invalidate the whole Boulder Dam proposition, and the \$200,000,000 bond issue voted by the Metropolitan Water district, embracing most of Southern California, would then become null and void.

So the T. V. A. is a serious thing to deal with. It is very much different from depriving the farmers of financial help by the Federal government, as in the case of the A. A. A. decision.

This T. V. A. case would effect all public improvement all over America—not only on electricity, but on water furnished by government money. So it would seem that there is not much

danger of the high court invalidating the T. V. A. Of course private electric and water corporations all over this country would love to see the Supreme Court rule against T. V. A., for then they could, and would, bear down on all public utilities which are today serving the people.

Very truly yours,

RALPH R. SUTHERLAND.

ESTRELLA VILLAS

Guests at Estrella Villas include: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel P. Woods, Kohala, Hawaii, and grandson, Richard Smarts, Beverly Hills. Mr. Smarts is a member of "The Pasadena Community Play House. Mr. and Mrs. Woods are here for an extended visit from the Islands.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Cas. A. Gale and Mrs. H. C. Lamons, Pleasanton; Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Hill, Columbus, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Monks, Miss Emma Blank, Hollywood; Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Dunham, Hartford, Conn; Miss Marion Molan and Miss Magdalene Hanousek, Chicago, for a month; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoffman, Beverly Hills; Mrs. J. S. A. Smith and son, Los Angeles, for an extended visit. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. J. Bigelow and son, "Jackie Cooper," will arrive Feb. 15 for a month's stay.

NAME DELEGATES TO HEALTH CONFERENCE

Dr. W. R. Dorr, superintendent of the Riverside county hospital, and Mrs. Catherine Foster, executive secretary of the Riverside County Health and Tuberculosis association, have been named delegates from the association to the annual convention of the state health and tuberculosis group to be held April 4 in Sacramento.

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tage point in Death Valley, one views a spectacular panorama which includes the highest and the lowest points in the United States. One looks down a sheer cliff to see Bad Water, 280 feet below sea level and then lifts the gaze to the tiny tip of Mt. Whitney, visible beyond the backs of the Panamint mountains which line the Valley.

EARLS TO BE TRIED

Tom Earls, cafe owner of Beaumont, will be given a jury trial in the Beaumont justice court Thursday, Feb. 13 on a charge of exhibiting a weapon in a dangerous manner. The charge grew out of the accidental shooting of Simon Funderburg in Earls' saloon more than a month ago. Funderburg is recovering from the wound.



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ASSEMBLYMAN JOHN PHILLIPS DISCUSSES STATE PROBLEMS

"STATE OF THE STATE"
(By John Phillips)

Two hundred men and women, representing business and professional civic groups in California, together with possibly a dozen or more members of the legislature, appointed to represent the two houses, met Feb. 3, in the familiar Assembly room, at the request of the Governor, to discuss "the state of the state."

Riverside county was represented by Supervisor Jack McGregor and J. Ray Gabbert, both delegated by the Riverside Chamber of Commerce; Joy Jameson of Corona, one of the representatives of the California Fruit Growers Exchange, and your Assemblyman, a delegate from that house.

The conference got off to a bad start, partly because of the promptness with which motions were made to refer various matters to committees, which suggested "programming"; partly because some members of the legislature forgot momentarily that this was not a regular session, and that their cue was to keep quiet and let the others talk; and partly because of several blasts of a few days before, which intimated that the conference was "political." The last was obviously impossible, as the Governor did not designate individuals, except from the legislature, he simply invited a hundred or more California groups to send two delegates each. Perhaps it is merely a coincidence that the charges of "political conference" came from people who were not invited or designated by some group to attend, and perhaps too there was at first a slight fear, on the part of some, that no opportunity was to be given for the speeches on taxes which were struggling for birth. A delegate to any conference who has a speech he wants to make, and is afraid no opportunity will be given him to make it, is in a very uncomfortable and irritable state of mind!

It became evident quickly that there was nothing to fear. The conference was open to all, and the reference of resolutions to a representative committee, delegated by the conference itself, was merely to expedite matters.

The Governor's introductory remarks paved the way for the discussions of the conference and the report from the Director of Finance immediately following, gave the supporting figures. We left the last session with a contemplated deficit of approximately 79 millions. This means, of course, as of July 1st, 1937, the end of the biennium, and it includes the 48 millions and more, that are in the regular budget, at the insistence of the Governor, for necessary welfare relief.

It would have been very easy to set up an "emergency budget," as other taxing agencies have done, but in California you know exactly how much the state is spending when you read the budget figures.

Today, six months later, figures show that business improvement is so definite that the taxing system of the state, planned to meet such conditions, will bring in enough to meet the regular budget and more; will pay practically all the emergency items, and may even, if conditions continue to improve, make a payment on the inherited deficit of the two previous biennia. In figures, instead of 79 millions, a maximum deficit of 41 millions is announced and there is a possibility of its being even less.

It is true that there has been a charge that these figures are subject to analysis and that they include the income of the final quarter, as well as the income collected in the first quarter of the biennium, which really should be a carry-over from the preceding biennium, thus, so to speak, figuring income from nine quarters, instead of eight, but a committee, appointed from the conference to check the reported income figures, and thus the deficit figures, seemed well satisfied that business was improving markedly and that the sales tax, the income tax, and the other taxes which increase receipts as business increases, would be well ahead of estimates—so whether the final deficit is to be 24 or 41 or 70 millions is less important at the moment, than the evidence that the deficit is decreasing steadily, instead of increasing, and that, given time, will be wiped out normally, without additional taxation, and that present taxes may be adjusted or reduced sooner than we once hoped for. The taxation question-

mark right now stands back of the whole social security program, for should the present old age relief program remain unchanged, giving an aged person the right to enter California, live here three years, go on relief two years, and then be eligible for a monthly payment with the present \$20 minimum, \$35 maximum (little enough in itself for deserving old age), there would be an increasing trek to the land of sunshine, and a tax bill for this one item which might rise to 50 millions a biennium in a half a dozen years. The problem was discussed only in that it would affect future taxation; to point out that it was a national, and not a state problem, and to pass a resolution asking Congress to set up a longer residence requirement than five years in California.

An amusing incident of the conference was the sly dig at the London boom for President. In the director's report he read, with an obvious twinkle in his eye, that other states figure their budgets differently, and that "in Kansas, for example, the state paid only 1% of the school costs, the other 99% falling upon the school districts." If California did that, he added, we would not only balance our budget, but have a large surplus. I venture to add that California is too fully convinced of the soundness of spreading the tax cost, to go back to a system by which the taxpayers of some rural district paid for education far out of proportion to the costs paid by city taxpayers.

The final report of the resolutions committee made five recommendations, all of which were adopted: (1) to maintain the sales tax and to oppose all efforts to repeal it; (2) to maintain the income tax and to oppose all efforts to repeal it; (3) that the costs of state government were rising too rapidly and should be decreased, the recommendation urging immediate analysis to that end; (4) that no added taxes should be considered; (5) that an "Interim Committee" of 25 members should be created, to study the tax problem and the costs of government, and to report to another meeting of this same conference group, to be held later in the year—with, of course, the customary resolutions of appreciation to the Governor and those who aided the conference.

The principal value of the two-day meeting, as I see it, was educational, and was worth the time and effort and expense, for each delegate paid his own expenses. Two hundred or more people came together, to discuss government, many of whom had been quite willing to criticize, but had never had the practical necessity of getting some plan past the criticism, opposition, support, and compromise which must necessarily take place in a government like ours. It was a chance to air opinions, to listen, to learn. The evidence of the improvement of general conditions, of rising revenues, was in itself justification for the conference.

We were two years into the depression before we were willing to admit there was one coming on; it begins to look as if we are a year or more on the way back and are just beginning to admit that, in turn.

Perhaps the most significant thing in the conference was the line-up in favor of the "transactions tax." In January, 1933, a transactions tax was part of the original Riley-Stewart Plan, and as such, many of us accept it. It has some very intriguing features, and some that agriculture, for example, does not like. When other states (none yet comparable to California) have adopted it, they have recognized this, and made allowances for agriculture. It bobbed up again in the last session, and I opposed it because then it was proposed as an additional tax, which it must never be; if considered at all, it must be as a substitution. This conference found the motion picture interests and the Hearst groups, lined up in support of the transactions tax, which gave rise to some interesting rumors. Other states are finding it of increasing interest but it must have much more thought than has been given it yet, in California.

PALM SPRINGS Eight Years Ago

(From the Files of The Desert Sun,
February 10, 1928)

Eight members of the board of directors of the Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce met at the San Geronimo Inn in Banning one night this week with directors of the Banning and Beaumont Chambers to discuss matters of mutual interest to the three communities. Those who attended from Palm Springs were Dr. J. J. Kocher, president; Philip L. Boyd, secretary; Carl G. Lykken, Austin G. McManus, T. E. Connell, Dana Burks, George Roberson, and Carl Barkow.

Dr. Kocher, Messrs. Boyd, Burks, McManus and Roberson spoke for Palm Springs. The told of the bad condition of Palm Canyon road, the need of improvement of the Whitewater-Palm Springs road and the Palm Springs-Indio road. They announced that more than 50,000 automobiles visited Palm Canyon in 1926 and probably more last year.

Colonel J. B. Lankershim, multi-millionaire land owner and pioneer of Los Angeles, is a winter visitor here. A private stock exchange wire has been installed in the Desert Inn.

The new El Mirador Garage will soon be completed.

Riverside county and citizens of Palm Springs are uniting in financing the oiling of Indian avenue from the junction of Main street to the El Mirador Hotel.

The Southwestern Home Telephone Company has announced that it will add considerable equipment so that it will be possible to install more telephones here.

Charles Wakefield Cadman, famous composer, and Mrs. Morris, of Hollywood, presented an interesting program of piano and song at the Desert Inn one evening this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Donnell returned Tuesday from Washington, D. C.

Heavy rains this week insure an abundance of wildflowers on the desert this spring.

Fred Payne Clatworthy will deliver his famous autochrome lecture, "The Lure of the Desert," tonight at the school auditorium, under the auspices of the Parent-Teacher association and the Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce.

The bridge spanning Tahquitz wash has been completed by the contractors and accepted by the county. The bridge cost about \$10,000.

Reports were received in town this week that high grade gold ore was discovered at Parker on the Colorado river, about 250 miles east of here.

Mrs. Frank Goff, Mrs. Dawson and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Parker have returned from a motor trip to Phoenix and Glendale, Arizona.

There will be a masquerade ball in the school auditorium Saturday evening.

Several Palm Springs people have expressed their intention to attend the Hoover rally in Banning this week.

A beautiful new home is being erected in Vista Acres for Mrs. A. L. Swobdi Meade, Los Angeles society woman.

There is a strong demand for new houses in Palm Springs and a number of local people have signified their intention to build new homes to supply this demand.

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Proposal to reroute the new Banning-Idyllwild road is not approved by County Surveyor A. C. Fulmor. At a meeting of the county board of supervisors, on Monday, it is reported that if the road is to be built on U. S. standards, whereby federal aid could be made available for construction, the proposed change in route would be more costly than to follow the survey which was completed some time ago.

Mr. Fulmor reported that practically all rights-of-way for the new road in the vicinity of Pine Cove had been acquired.

RAINS ASSURE SHOW OF WILDFLOWERS

After months of drought rain has extended far into the desert and there is certain to develop a very splendid wildflower display. This charming sight attracts visitors by the thousands. These motorists spend thousands of dollars in wildflower season, on week-ends, with cafes, hotels, garages, service stations. This money circulates in the communities where it is spent and becomes a matter of importance to business in all lines.

Since the present rains penetrated far into the desert, and because spring days will force rapid growth of plant life, the wildflower show—Nature's beneficence—is just around the corner. March and April are wildflower months in the valleys of California.

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SUN SPOTS

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have in the past they are apt to demand cancellation of the gas tax and no legislator would dare oppose that demand.

"The heavy unregulated trucks constitute the greatest enemy to our highways. They tear down and destroy roads that the average automobile would pass over without damage. They pay little for construction and maintenance. They monopolize the roads, give scant consideration to other motorists and are responsible in large part for the fatal accidents that we read of almost daily. These charges are made repeatedly and it is the duty of state authorities to investigate and determine whether or not they are true. If true, some definite action must be taken to curb and abate the injustices arising from our present set-up."

A national lottery to raise money for government purposes and thus retire the national debt, is periodically suggested by men in and out of congress or state legislatures. Estimates are made varying from a half billion to two billions of dollars sent out of the country annually for Canadian, Irish, or British sweepstakes tickets.

The movement for the legalization of government lotteries for the purpose of keeping in this country immense sums annually sent abroad for such investment and to raise money easily and pleasantly, as compared with taxation, is still strong, both in Congress and in a number of states.

An interesting phase of the propaganda is furnished by the "Association for Legalizing Lotteries, Inc.," which is carrying on what is called the "Grand National Treasure Hunt Contest."

Memberships are sold at one dollar each and the members are required to solve a puzzle in order to win a prize.

The rewards of success are quite liberal, the capital prize being \$37,500, with a second prize of \$12,500, with 364 other prizes, scaling down to 50.00.

The contest closes April 11th next and the judges of the con-

test are to award the prizes about April 30.

Mrs. Harriman, a prominent New York society leader, is one of the enthusiastic sponsors of the enterprise, which appears to be clothed in legality.

Judging by the large amounts of money daily changing hands in pari-mutuel betting and otherwise in connection with the Santa Anita races, there is reason to expect some success for the movement to legalize lotteries and thereby provide an outlet for the quite universal gambling instinct.

DESERT NURSERY HAS LARGE ORDER FROM MOVIE COLONY

O. S. McKinney, owner and manager of the Desert Nursery, has a large order for cactus, Joshua trees and other desert plants from the famous Santa Fe Rancho located between Encinitas and San Diego. Douglas Fairbanks and other screen celebrities have homes on the ranch.

Included in the shipment is a crested Joshua tree, probably the only one in existence.

The Desert Nursery was awarded fourth prize in the cactus and succulent class at the San Diego Exposition and received a substantial cash award. The nursery has again entered an exhibit at the Fair, because of the widespread interest taken in last year's display.

Fashion Revue at Desert Inn Feb. 27

Local socialites are looking forward to the fashion revue luncheon to be staged at the Desert Inn on Thursday, February 27, with beautiful professional models displaying the latest Palm Springs fashions from Bullock's Desert Inn Shop.

Many prominent residents of Palm Springs are to entertain guests at the revue luncheon, while numerous socialites will participate in Dutch treat luncheons at the event.

Miss Vivian Vincent of Bullock's Desert Inn Shop declared that the greatest collection of new desert sports and spectator wear will be shown. Wearing the latest Palm Springs fashions mannequins will parade among the luncheon tables in the De Anza dining room and picturesque open-air terrace patio of the Inn.

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emerge and fly chiefly during March and April. From these originates the summer generation, which develops in five months, the beetles emerging in August and September."

A road cut or a newly dug ditch is always interesting for below the surface covering of ground may be found evidence that will help in the solution of a geologic problem. A deep, wide, ragged, sewer ditch cut in the desert is not a lovely decoration for a desert landscape but it does reveal the strata of sand immediately below the floor of the desert. There in plain sight was the story of the filling of the upper ten to fifteen feet of the desert trough.

Ted Zschokke found a receptacle-like place, immediately below the ground line, in the edge of the ditch. It was filled with sand quite unlike that in the immediate vicinity. The sides of the receptacle were somewhat cemented and shaped like an urn, about two and one-half feet in depth, two and one-half feet wide on the longest diameter, and one and one-half feet on the shorter diameter. It has been suggested that it might have been constructed by the ancient Indians and then filled with the clean sand transported from some other locality. If this can be ascribed to the Indians I do not know but the feature does not seem to be natural to the formation in which it is located.

In another place was found what appeared to be a fire horizon some seven feet below the surface of the desert floor but examination of the materials did not reveal any evidence that could identify it as having been formed by the fires of the ancient Indians.

MANY SOCIALITES AT THE DESERT INN

Leading socialites from all parts of the country are among the latest to register at the Desert Inn.

Chuck Abbott, Desert Inn cowboy host, has arranged picnics for Desert Inn guests at scenic places in the Palm Springs region each Tuesday and Friday noons. Recent picnics were held at Eagle canyon, Painted canyon, Andreas canyon, the Salton Sea and other places.

Among the recent arrivals at the Inn are: Mr. and Mrs. John O'Brien, Grosse Pointe, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Heinz, Pittsburgh, Pa., of the famed Heinz family; Mrs. C. S. Heinz and Rust Heinz of Pittsburgh, also of the prominently social Heinz family.

Also Spencer Kellogg; C. Shillard Smith, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Crotty, San Marino; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard K. Firestone, Akron, Ohio; Miss Gwynne Pickford, niece of Mary Pickford and Miss Mary Eloise McCarty of Beverly Hills; and many other prominent people.

DESERT CIRCUS, 1/2 MILE PARADE; 25 FIELD EVENTS

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the ticket committee, as reported to the ticket sales committee at a luncheon Tuesday at the Del Tahquitz Hotel. Therefore, it is advisable for those who want grandstand seats to buy them at once. The seats are all definitely reserved so that the ticket holder may come and go as he pleases and yet always find his own seat awaiting him, Boyd said. This announcement served as an impetus to increased sales and Boyd predicted that by the day of the circus every grandstand seat will be taken.

General admission tickets have been selling at faster rate this week also, he said, with the likelihood the area between the rails and the stands will be pretty solidly packed by the time next Thursday's field events are started.

Of interest in relation to the ticket sales is the fact that Earl Strebe, operator of the two theatres here, has offered a special prize to each of the women ticket sellers who reaches or tops a mark of \$250. By Tuesday, three were within apparently easy reach of this mark. High in ticket sales at that time were Marjorie Forline, Mrs. Alvah Hicks and Millie Guthrie.

Boyd further emphasized, "We would like to encourage everyone to drive out to the grounds and inspect this wonderful new field and its improvements, even though they may not wish to witness the circus events. Provision has been made for them and they are heartily welcome. This occasion is for all of Palm Springs."

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Munholland went to San Diego Wednesday to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Hotchkiss for the opening of the San Diego Exposition.

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SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY, Feb. 16-17-18 . . .

JANE WITHERS, PINKY TOMLIN and RITA CONSINO in "PADDY O'DAY"

Comedies, "THE BRAIN BUSTERS" and "FISHERMAN'S LIFE"
Cartoon, "THE MAYFLOWER"

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, Feb. 19-20 . . .

ALICE FAYE, RAY WALKER and BEBE DANIELS in "MUSIC IS MAGIC"

Comedy, "CHOOSE YOUR PARTNERS"
Novelty, "DAD AND GOD TURNED ME DOWN" (Voice of Experience)
Musical, "HURRAY FOR RHYTHM"

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, Feb. 21-22 . . .

JAMES DUNN, ARLINE JUDGE and RAYMOND WALBURN in "WELCOME HOME"

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OLVERA PUPPETEERS MAKE BIG HIT AT EL MIRADOR

Last Sunday evening the Olvera Puppeteers presented the "Puppet Impertinence of 1936" for the amusement of El Mirador guests. Nick Nolan, creator of these puppeteers, is well known, having presented them on Olvera street for two years, and for over four years at Bullock's Los Angeles, where each Saturday they appear before an audience of from 1000 to 1200 children. The Puppeteers are also heard each evening over KFAC on the Uncle Whoa Bill program.

Phone The Desert Sun, 3594.

POLICE RADIO SYSTEM WILL SOON BE IN OPERATION HERE

Radio transmitters and receivers for the Palm Springs police department will soon be installed in a central office and in the police car. Thus all police calls can immediately be transmitted to the police car within a radius of 15 miles of the office. It will be a two-way system, so that the driver of the car can transmit messages back to the office as well as receive messages.

Miss Eugenia Varnes of Los Angeles has accepted a position as stenographer in the office of Munholland & Company, local realtors.

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Comedy, "STAR GAZING" Cartoon, "NEIGHBORS"

M-G-M NEWS

SUNDAY and MONDAY, Feb. 16-17 . . .

JAMES CAGNEY, JUNE TRAVIS and PAT O'BRIEN in "CEILING ZERO"

with Stuart Erwin, Isabel Jewell and Barton MacLane

Colored Cartoon, "THREE ORPHAN KITTENS"
"EASY ACES No. 5" PATHE NEWS

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, Feb. 18-19 . . .

WINIFRED SHAW, LYLE TALBOT and
GENEVIEVE TOBIN in

"BROADWAY HOSTESS"

with Allen Jenkins, Phil Regan and Marie Wilson

Comedy, TODD & KELLY in "ALL AMERICAN TOOTHACHE"
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IRENE DUNNE, ROBERT TAYLOR and
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"Magnificent Obsession"

with Betty Furness, Ralph Morgan and Henry Armetta

Colored Cartoon, MICKEY MOUSE in "COCK O' THE WALK"
UNIVERSAL NEWS

SATURDAY and SUNDAY, Feb. 22-23 . . .

WALLACE BEERY, ALINE MACMAHON and
LIONEL BARRYMORE in

"AH WILDERNESS"

with Eric Linden, Cecilia Parker, Mickey Rooney, Charles
Grapewin, Frank Albertson and Edward Nugent

Colored Cartoon, "RUN SHEEP RUN"

Novelty, "WEST POINT OF THE SOUTH" M-G-M NEWS

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